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SUBJ: BAR ASSOCIATION CALLS FOR CIVILIAN TRIALS OF  
"POLITICAL" PRISONERS

1. ENGLISH LANGUAGE KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL ON JULY 16 CARRIED STORY UNDER HEADLINE QUOTE LAWYERS TO CALL FOR CIVIL TRIAL OF POLITICAL PRISONERS UNQUOTE. ARTICLE STATED THAT NEW BAR ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN HOSSAN NAZIEH WOULD PROPOSE TO THE ASSOCIATION'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL THAT ALL "POLITICAL PRISONERS" TRIED IN MILITARY COURTS SHOULD BE RETRIED IN CIVILIAN COURTS. SUBJECT SURFACED DURING EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH KAYHAN REPORTER (WHICH ALSO PUBLISHED IN FARSI PRESS), MAIN THRUST OF WHICH IS THAT BAR ASSOCIATION WILL BE MORE ACTIVE GROUP IN COMING YEAR. PROJECTED ACTIVITIES INCLUDE MORE COUNCIL MEETINGS, A MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTRY'S LAWYERS, PROSECUTION OF CORRUPT LAWYERS, AND ATTACKS ON BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE.

2. AS IF TO UNDERLINE ABOVE, PRESS JUNE 17 CARRIED STORY THAT 50 MEMBERS OF PROGRESSIVE LAWYERS GROUP HAVE OFFERED TO DEFEND 24 STUDENTS CHARGED WITH VIOLENT DESTRUCTION WHO WILL GO ON TRIAL IN SARI, JULY 30.

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3. COMMENT: TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE THIS IS FIRST TIME PRESS HAS USED TERM "POLITICAL PRISONERS" SO EXTENSIVELY AND IN SENSE IT IS BEING USED BY OPPOSITIONIST ELEMENTS. USUAL STORIES HAVE INCLUDED REFERENCES TO "ANTI-STATE HOOLIGANS" OR SIMILAR TERMS. COUPLE OF LAWYERS HAVE HINTED THAT EVEN MINISTRY OF JUSTICE PRIVATELY FAVORS RETURN OF SECURITY TRIALS TO CIVILIAN COURTS. ISSUE

AS POSED BY NAZIEH LIKELY TO EVOLVE THROUGH BAR ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTATION AND WORK ITS WAY INTO GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM.  
WE WOULD NOT EXPECT IMMEDIATE ACTION ON THIS PROPOSAL,  
AND WOULD NOT WANT TO LOBBY PRECIPITATELY FOR IT. MIGHT  
BE USEFUL, HOWEVER, FOR DEPT TO POINT OUT TO ICJ OR  
AMNESTY THAT HERE IS LOCAL PEG ON WHICH TO HANG THEIR  
EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION. RECENT PRESS STORIES, INCLUDING  
EXTENDED COVERAGE GIVEN TO PROGRESSIVE LAWYERS AND  
FRACTIOUS MAJLES SESSIONS, ARE GOOD EXAMPLE OF WAY INTERNAL  
PUBLIC DEBATE HAS OPENED UP OVER PAST FIVE-SIX WEEKS.  
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